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IKKA-Affiliated Relief Parcel Agencies in U.S.

1. In 1951, there were four U.S. firms engaged in the transmission of relief parcels to Hungary through IKKA (IBUSZ Foreign Commercial Drive - Budapest.):

- a. U.S. RELIEF PARCEL SERVICE, aka PEDLOW-BRACK RELIEF PARCELS,
aka CAPTAIN PEDLOW'S EUROPEAN RELIEF PARCEL SERVICE INC.,
315 E. 79th St., NYC.
- b. RICHMOND AND BROWNFIELD, INC., 62 William Street, NYC.
- c. AMERICAN FUEL TRADING COMPANY, 300 Foruth Ave., NYC.
- d. GLOBUS TRADING CORP., 61 Broadway, NYC.

2. No ^{pertinent} details are available concerning RICHMOND AND BROWNFIELD and AMERICAN FUEL TRADING. The former firm is still listed in Manhattan directories as an insurance agency but the latter is no longer listed in available directories.

3. U.S. RELIEF PARCEL SERVICE was organized prior to 1950 by Martin BRACK and Captain James G. PEDLOW and has also ^{operated} ~~traded~~ under the trade styles mentioned in para. 1-a above. According to an informant described as reliable by another government agency, an agent of this firm in Cleveland was A, ~~F/A~~ FRIEDMAN DRY GOODS CO., 8803 Buckeye Road. CAPTAIN PEDLOW'S EUROPEAN RELIEF PACKAGE SERVICE INC. was registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of a ~~freelance~~ foreign government prior to February 1951.

4. AMERICAN FUEL TRADING COMPANY is a trade style ^{reported} which was registered as of May 1950 by the owner, Georgette VIDA, succeeding the trade style previously registered by Alexander VIDA, deceased. The firm is no longer listed in Manhattan directories.

5. RICHMOND & BROWNFIELD INC. is still listed in Manhattan directories as an insurance agency but it is not known whether the firm is still engaged in transmitting relief parcels. According to reports received by another US. government agency, the firm had a close relationship with the Hungarian Legation during 1950, receiving remittance from the Legation and purchasing travel tickets for Legation personnel.

6. GLOBUS TRADING CORPORATION aka GLOBUS TRADING CO. was organized in 1946 with Leopold LONKAY as President and Antonia LONKAY as Vice-President and Treasurer. Prior to March 1952, Carl EISNER became Vice-President and Leslie RONAY Treasurer. The firm offers to deliver gift parcels to recipients in Hungary after payment by the sender for the price of the parcel selected, cable expense, and Hungarian duty stamps. Both a Dutch official source and an Italian clandestine service have reported that GLOBUS has actively cooperated with the Hungarian government, receiving profits from the transactions while IKKA retains the hard currency paid. The firm reportedly has had a Swiss operation managed by Anna BERNER-LONKAY, trading as GENERAL-AGENCY EUROPE aka TRANSGLOBUS aka GLOBUS TRADING. Annam Berner-LONKAY has been described as Leopold LONKAY's niece. CO. IKKA's license to GLOBUS for Swiss representation was reportedly cancelled re- in December in 1953 and assigned to another enterprise.

Arrangements are made through the Hungarian enterprise IKKA, which has been ~~granted~~ authorized by the Hungarian Finance Ministry to deliver relief packages, using the facilities of the ~~the~~ BORON TRANSPORT CO. another Hungarian enterprise.

Reported foreign affiliates of GLOBUS have included Carlos KLEIN, Rio de Janeiro, and Francisco Rodolfo TAMAS, Havana. Leopold LONKAY's Josef aka Josaf LUSTIG younger brother, the father of Anna/ BERNER-LONKAY, has been reported to be the manager of SUDAN S.A., another gift-parcel agency in Montevideo. Frau BERNER-LONKAY was reported to have transferred \$365,000 to Josef for official Hungarian account. The firm TRANS-GLOBUS, ~~NY~~ Poughkeepsie NY has been described as an agency handling remittances to Hungary but it is not known whether or not any connection exists with GLOBUS TRADING, New York. An allegation in 1952 that GLOBUS TRADING had been collecting dual payment for Hungarian duty stamps was referred by the Commerce Dept. to the Postal Inspector for investigation, but the results are not known. ~~ALIBIS/TRADING/has/required~~ In 1952, GLOBUS TRADING was required by the Justice Department to register ~~as~~ under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

1. CARE Inc. (Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere) is currently negotiating a relief parcel program for Poland and hopes to start operations by July. Richard W. REUTER, CARE Executive Director, has expressed the hope that this would lead to the reestablishment of CARE in other Communist countries.

2. After the Hungarian revolt in October 1956, CARE operated a relief parcel program in that country but was forced to discontinue the effort because of visa difficulties imposed by the Kadar regime. In the absence of CARE facilities, many persons desiring to send relief parcels to Hungarian recipients have been forced to use the ~~services~~ services offered by GLOBUS TRADING CORP. of New York. This firm was organized in 1946 and has been ~~described as~~ actively cooperating with the Hungarian government. ~~Reportedly~~ ~~Reportedly~~ GLOBUS has ^{had} an arrangement with ~~IKKA~~ the Hungarian enterprise IKKA whereby Hungary receives the dollars paid for the parcels and remits GLOBUS' ~~profit~~ share of the proceeds to an account in Switzerland. The parcels contain goods stored in warehouses and within Hungary ~~which~~ are delivered to the recipient upon receipt of cable advice from GLOBUS. The sender is required to pay a cable service charge of \$1.50.

3. A comparison of the materials offered by GLOBUS with those in the established CARE packages shows ~~that~~ a wide discrepancy between ~~goods~~ the advantage which GLOBUS and IKKA are taking of the donor.

3. A comparison of GLOBUS and CARE price lists indicates the ^{as in the attached table,} profit substantial which must accrue to GLOBUS and IKKA. ~~from the attached table~~

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Martin Brack

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US Relief Parcel Service

American Fuel Trading Co. X

Globus Trading Co.

Pedlow Brack Relief Parcel Service X

Richmond & Brownfield Inc.
(Europe)

CAPT. PEDLOW'S European Relief Parcel Service Inc.

Leopold Lonkay X
Thomas

brother Josef LONKAY

also (monte) Josef LUSTIG

Anne Berner - Lonkay's sister
Zurich

Globus Trading Corp.

Pr 801, 61 Bldg NHC. reg 15 Jan 56

Antonia Lonkay VP-Treas. (French)

prin 3/52 succeeded by Carl EISNER as VP
Leslie RONAY - Treas.

144 E 36th MU-5-7179

paid in capital \$30,000

Cuban rep. Francis Rodolfo TAMAS.
of Globus.

In Francisco.

Alex A. KELEN Ltd. (monte)
Canadian.

1/52 Margit SZECHY
(VIC rep)

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delivery of relief packages, to be delivered through the intermediary of the BORON Transport Company.

actively cooperating with the Hungarian government, In March 1952, GLOBUS was described as receiving the profits from these transactions from ~~the~~ IKKA, while the Hungarian government retained the foreign currency. GLOBUS had been mentioned as engaged in this sort of activity by both a Dutch official source and a fairly reliable Italian clandestine service. Reports refer to a Swiss branch of the firm, either GLOBUS or TRANS-GLOBUS, of Zurich. Swiss directories contain no data GENERAL-AGENCY, EUROPE. identifiable listing. Reportedly, IKKA's license to GLOBUS was cancelled in December 1953 and transferred to Dr. Rober Goldstein, Zurich.

Goldstein subcontracted with GONDRAND-~~FRERES~~ MARITIME S.A., and SETACIPA A.G., Zurich to handle the IKKA sales.

An allegation was received in March 1952 to the effect that GLOBUS had been demanding dual payment of duty stamps on packages. The firm TRANS-GLOBUS, EXPORT & IMPROT CO., INC., Box ~~9~~ 935 Poughkeepsie, NY, as also been mentioned as handling money order transmittals to Hungary. (1953) GLOBUS was required by the Justice Department in 1952 to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

PACKAGE

Captain PEDLOW'S EUROPEAN RELIEF PARCEL SERVICE INC. was registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of a Foreign government prior to January 1951. According to an official Dutch service and an ~~untested~~ untested Austrian source, GLOBUS acted as a cover firm for Hungarian government activity.

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